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WHAT AMERICANS DRINK.

Coffee and beer, principally coffee, says an exchange, are the national beverages of Americans, according to the tables prepared by the bureau of statistics, showing the consumption of spirits, beer, tea and coffee by eleven leading nations in 1904. The United States now consumes nearly one-half the coffee exported by the nations raising it. Last year we imported more than one billion pounds, valued at \$88,000,000, and the per capita consumption is 11.75 pounds as against 5.8 pounds in 1860. The Germans are the only people who rival Americans in their use of coffee, and they use only about one-half the amount per capita that we do.

The English apparently care little for the fragrant beverage, for they used last year only about one-fifth of a pound per capita. But they certainly make up for it in the use of tea. The average Briton consumes six pounds of tea a year, as against 1.34 pounds for the American.

It is surprising to learn that the English lead too in beer drinking. The per capita consumption is 35.43 gallons a year as against 20.77 for Germany and 18.08 for the United States. The French and Italians drink very little spirits, but they get away with an amazing quantity of wine. Austria leads in the consumption of ardent spirits, the amount being 3.09 gallons per capita. In this country the amount is 1.48 gallons, in Russia, 1.26, while the United Kingdom and France use almost an equal amount.

One of the remarkable facts shown by these tables is the rapid increase in the consumption of beer in this country. In 1840 the per capita consumption was 1.4 gallons, in 1876, 6.83 gallons; in 1902 it had risen to 17.48, and last year it was 18.28. This is attributed to the influx of so many foreigners from beer drinking countries. But while the use of beer is increasing rapidly there seems to be a slight falling off in the per capita use of spirituous liquors. In 1840 the amount of spirits drunk averaged about 2.5 gallons to each inhabitant. The amount has been steadily declining ever since and is now 1.48 gallons. Meanwhile, the use of wine has risen from three-tenths of a gallon in 1840 to .53 last year. Apparently, Americans prefer to drown their thirst in large quantities of light drinks, rather than in small quantities of the more ardent kind.

ALBUQUERQUE'S AMUSEMENT RESORT.

The Citizen is glad to notice from the news gathered that the attendance last night at the Casino was very fine. In fact, it is claimed that many were turned away for want of more seating room, though the seating capacity of the place is not less than 1,000.

This is as it should be. The demand for recreation and amusement increases with the amelioration of human conditions. The people of Albuquerque are in such condition that almost without exception they can afford to gratify this natural craving for recreation; and the people of this city can congratulate themselves, first—that their circumstances are so favorable that they can afford an evening outing whenever they desire it; and, second—that this city can boast of an almost ideal pleasure resort, under liberal and intelligent management.

It is doubtful if there be another town in the United States, of the size of Albuquerque, which can boast of so pleasant and well managed a resort. The best of refreshments alike in the solid and liquid line, numerous waiters both attentive and competent, pleasing plays and attractive music, cooling breezes with protection from insect pests, privacy for isolated groups or commingling of general acquaintances—what more could any one ask or indeed could any one have?

That the construction and equipment of the Casino, as well as the nightly running of it, required and continues to require a large outlay of money, goes without saying. This can be met only by a liberal patronage of the people of Albuquerque, who can well be proud that by this enterprise they have been put upon the metropolitan plain of cities many times the size of the Duke City.

Two financial benefits will doubtless accrue to Albuquerque from the opening of this place of amusement. There will be less feeling of need for the seaside or the mountain resort, to which so many families of Albuquerque betake themselves during the heated term, and by which the circulation of money at home is so largely cut down during the summer months. It will add largely to the attractiveness of Albuquerque as the lying over point for traveling men, and will tend strongly to bring here pleasure seekers, who otherwise would remain at their country or village homes, or would seek recreation in other cities.

The Citizen would take this occasion to commend the perfect order which the Casino management is pledged to maintain, and the fact that ladies and children, even if without escort, are absolutely insured from insult, intrusion or objectionable association.

THE RAPID ADVANCE OF JAPAN.

The old proposition that it is impossible to teach tricks to an old dog finds its contradiction in the history and the present record of achievement of the Japanese, says the Colorado Springs Telegraph. Admiral Togo, whose name is being heralded from man to man throughout the civilized world, was well along toward maturity when he learned to read and the same is true of Field Marshal Oyama and of Marquis Ito, heads respectively of the Japanese naval and land forces and affairs of state. It must be acknowledged, however, that there are few things either in warfare or in diplomacy that Japan can learn today by the example of other powers.

The present emperor of Japan is fifty-three years of age. When he was born the empire was in the hands of the Shogun, who had held the ruling power in successive families since the twelfth century. In 1868, however, when but sixteen years of age, Mutsuhito, the present emperor, succeeded in getting up a war against Shogun and came into his kingdom. In 1871 he abolished the feudal system which had been in vogue and from the start proved able to surround himself with advisers and ministers who discerned the best in the other governments of the earth and adopted it. In 1889 a constitution was promulgated and the most complete institutions of free government have since been given to the people, the succession to the sovereignty alone remaining of the absolute monarchy.

Fifteen years ago the navy was projected and Japan has practically nothing but coast defense vessels that are older than twelve years. Several of the best of her ships she has had five or six years. Others she has had one week, the latter class including three good battleships. In 1894 she tried her strength against China and attracted the attention of the world for the first time. She has been attracting attention since then, until today she is the most generally observed and studied nation in the world.

If Japan continues her march of progress at the rate that she is now moving the remainder of the world will have to throw off a little ballast to stay in the race.

THE FISCAL YEAR CLOSED.

The government year closes on June 30. The report for the year just closed shows a deficit of \$24,000,000, caused by excess of expenditures over receipts. The revenue for the year was \$43 millions as against \$41 millions for the year before. During the year just closed the expenditures were \$67 millions, an increase of \$7 millions over the expenditures of the year before.

Of this \$7 millions of increased expenses, 7 millions were for the army, 14 millions for the navy, 4 millions for the Indians, and 14 millions for civil and miscellaneous items. There was a decrease of 1 million in pensions and the like sum in a number of smaller items.

SELECTIONS MADE FROM PRESS OF SOUTHWEST

Joint Statehood Growing.

The one growing sentiment seems to be statehood—self government—simply if possible; falling in this, the very best we can secure. This is the growing demand which will be general as the months come and go.—Tucson Star.

Physical Union Anyway.

The union of Arizona and New Mexico is steadily going on despite the efforts of those opposed to jointure. The past few days have seen much of the fine sand of Arizona blown over into New Mexico. So far as our people are concerned they will feel perfectly satisfied if Arizona will stay on its own side of the fence.—Gallup Republican.

Zinc Ore Shipment.

J. D. McKenzie and Felix McDonald are the pioneers in shipping zinc ores from Chihuahua to the states. They brought in from their mines east of Las Trancas this week three car loads of high grade ore to be shipped to La Harpe, Kansas. These ores are about 40 per cent zinc.—Chihuahua, Mexico, Enterprise.

A Progressive City.

An order was made by which the city engineer is instructed to build crossings all over the city wherever a crossing will connect cement sidewalks. This will be a matter of great interest to all the people of Roswell. The council would have done this before, had it not been for the fact that all the lumber yards were out of the right kind of material for the work. City Engineer Lucius Dills is to have the work done at once.—Roswell Record.

Former Albuquerque Pastor.

The body of Mrs. Whittemore, who died in Denver at the home of her daughter, Mrs. C. I. Mills, was brought to Raton and buried yesterday in Fairmont cemetery, where another member of the family is interred. Rev. C. I. Mills, formerly pastor of the Methodist church in this city, (also in Albuquerque), and a son-in-law of Mrs. Whittemore, accompanied the body to Raton.—Raton Range.

Two Ended Joke.

J. W. McQueen went to Dalhart Monday for the purpose of buying a buggy horse and while there the following message was wired him: "F. D. Wight quotes heavy sales and advanced quotations in driving horses. Market fluctuating." Clayton Driving Club. The joke must have been turned back to this end, as we saw the operator here hunting up the parties that guaranteed the charges. Wednesday evening the results of Mr. McQueen's trip "showed up" in the form of a beautiful sorrel horse.—Clayton Enterprise.

Not Willing to Wait.

The Japanese cook for the Santa Fe railroad steel gang, which is now located at the stone quarry, one mile east of town, was found dead this morning. Some of the men belonging to the steel gang went into the cooking car to see when breakfast would be ready and found the cook hanging from the top of the car. How long he had been dead could not be ascertained. He was alive last evening. Deceased committed suicide by putting a strap around his neck and a stepping off the stove. He had \$2.85 on his person.—Flagstaff Gem.

New Top on Grass Lambs.

The sheepmen continue to surprise the public with new records in prices which shows that they are still making big money. Today a new report was established in the price of grass lambs. The sale was that of two full double decks of shorn grass lambs averaging 85 pounds that sold at \$6.25. They were brought in by Goddard & Garrett of Roswell, N. M., and attracted considerable attention. This firm has been on this (Kansas City) market every week for some time with grass wethers and other sheep that have been selling at high prices, but the sale today broke all former records.—Roswell Register.

ARIZONA'S EXCELLENT CONDITION FINANCIALLY FULLY SET FORTH FROM ARIZONA REPUBLICAN

A short time ago, in discussing the joint statehood question with former Governor Murphy, the Hon. Joseph G. Cannon, of Illinois, speaker of the national house of representatives, alluded to Arizona as a "bankrupt territory." Incidentally we might inquire why the speaker is so determined to inflict upon the prosperous commonwealth of New Mexico a consolidation with a bankrupt territory, but let that pass. Let us see about the bankrupt business.

Yesterday was the first day of the new fiscal year. Territorial Treasurer Kirkland, upon casting up his accounts, found that he had on hand, in cash, two hundred and seventy-two thousand six hundred and seventy-six dollars and fourteen cents—rather a comfortable balance for a bankrupt institution! This is more money than the treasury ever before contained at the beginning of a fiscal year.

The territory is on a strictly cash basis. All valid claims are paid promptly in cash, and there is always a good bunch of money on hand for a rainy day. Bonded indebtedness to the amount of ten thousand dollars was paid off yesterday. And while maintaining this excellent status the territorial administration is not increasing the tax levy.

But, of course, the solvency of an institution, mercantile or governmental, is not determined alone by its cash on hand. It is necessary to consider assets and liabilities. Where does Arizona stand in that particular?

In round figures, the bonded debt of the territory is one million dollars. Include with that the total indebtedness of the counties and towns, and the public debt approximate three million dollars. To offset these obligations the assessed valuation of the property in the territory this year will exceed forty-five millions. As everybody knows, this assessed valuation by no means correctly represents the property wealth of the territory. There is more than one mine that could not be purchased for forty-five millions. If assessments were upon an equitable basis the property assessed for taxation would be valued at seventy-five millions, at least.

But taking the situation as we find it, the figures are bound to confound Uncle Joe Cannon when he studies them. "I know all about Arizona," he said in the interview to which we have referred, but he will know some-what more when he has learned the facts about this territory's financial condition.

Any commercial institution would consider itself as in first class shape if it owed but three millions and had forty-five millions in taxable property, and a working cash balance of two hundred and seventy-two thousand dollars.

The fact is, no subdivision of the union is in a more flourishing condition than is Arizona today, and no section of our great country has a brighter future.

Politicians in the United States congress may shut their eyes to the facts, but they cannot mislead the country by wild assertions that Arizona is bankrupt. The shrewdest, most carefully-calculating people in the world—on financial matters—are the bond buyers. If Uncle Joe Cannon wishes to know what they think of Arizona, let him try to get some Arizona bonds—five per cent bonds at that—from the bargain counters of the bond dealers. He will find it necessary to pungle up one dollar and ten cents for every dollar of Arizona's obligations that he buys! And the sellers will tell him that he has obtained a security that is as sound as anything issued by Uncle Sam.

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Duluth, Minn., July 5.—Photographers of all the larger cities of the northwest are taking part in the annual convention of the Photographers' Association of the Northwest which began today. The proceedings will last through the remainder of the week and will consist of papers, discussions and demonstrations dealing with the latest discoveries and methods in the art of photography as well as the commercial side of the business. An elaborate exhibition of photographs and photographic supplies is being held in conjunction with the convention.

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